

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATION OF THE
CHARLESTOWN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE PARCEL P-12
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-55

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-55, was adopted on March 25, 1965, and requires the development of land in compliance with the regulations and controls of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of the said Plan, entitled "Amendment", provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified by the Boston Redevelopment Authority; and

WHEREAS, under the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan the permitted uses for Parcel P-12 are public and institutional:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That the permitted use for Parcel P-12 as designated on Pages 31 and 32 of the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, as revised, be amended by inserting the word residential in place of the words public and institutional.
2. That the proposed modification is found to be minor and does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan.
3. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continued in full force and effect.
4. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by certificate this minor modification of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM 7207.1, Circular dated June 3, 1970 (on a Proclaimer Certificate in substantially the form as attached to this Resolution).
5. That the Secretary be and hereby is authorized to publish notice advertising the availability of Parcel P-12 for development.

MEMORANDUM

FEBRUARY 8, 1973

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CHARLESTOWN URBAN RENEWAL AREA PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56
PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATION OF URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE
DISPOSITION PARCEL P-12

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The Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan calls for Parcel P-12 to be among those used for park space. For some years this has been the site of a garage. Under the Plan this garage would be demolished and the area developed as open space. This site is located at the northerly corner of Warren and Park Streets and contains approximately 20,588 square feet.

With the relocation of Rutherford Avenue, some of the sites originally planned for residential use in the general area of P-12 are no longer suitable for such use due to the increased noise factor attendant to the alteration in the Rutherford Avenue traffic flow. Also, the use of this site as open space is no longer necessary due to the proximity of Winthrop Square.

The Authority staff has suggested that this site be developed residentially either through the rehabilitation of the existing garage or the erection of new construction.

The location of this site is such that it is more appropriate for residential development than previously considered due to the effect of the noise abatement guidelines on development near busy main streets. Thus, the residential development of this parcel could serve to balance the deletion in residential use caused by the noise limitations in development along Rutherford Avenue.

In the opinion of the General Counsel, the proposed amendment as to land use is a minor change and does not substantially or materially alter or change the basic Urban Renewal Plan.

It is therefore recommended that the Authority adopt the attached Resolution amending the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan to

allow the development of Parcel P-12 for residential use in lieu of the open space as delineated in the Plan and authorize the Secretary to advertise this parcel for residential development.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

Attachment